

West Central Vermont CEDS – Strategy Committee

Friday, October 22– 10 AM to 12 PM

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Present:

Taylor Newton, CCRPC
Regina Mahony, CCRPC
Sam Andersen, GBIC
Whitney Coombs, GBIC
Adam Lougee, ACRPC
John Van Hoesen, ACRPC
Fred Kenney, ACEDC
Amanda O'Connor, RRPC
Tyler Richardson, CEDRR
Sarah Pelkey, RRPC
Jamie Stewart, CVEDC
Bonnie Wanniger, CVRPC
Ken Jones, State of Vermont, ACCD

Taylor kicked off the meeting by welcoming everyone at about 10:02 a.m.

1. Changes/adjustment to agenda:

Taylor asked for any changes to the agenda. Hearing none proposed, he continued.

2. Minutes – September 17, 2021:

Taylor requested a motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes. **Jamie Stewart moved acceptance of the previous meeting minutes. Sam Andersen seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.**

3. Task #3 - Engagement

- A. **Taylor requested that people complete the tracking document on the website for the different people they have spoken with. Taylor also asked everyone to create a short memo on the themes that have emerged from their one on one meetings.**

- B. Taylor next asked how different outreach was going in each region.

Central Vermont: Jamie noted that he had contacted the CV Region's CAP. Jamie noted that access to capital remains an issue for startups.

Addison County: Fred stated he had contacted all his statewide agency contacts and conducted interviews. John noted ACRPC/ACEDC had completed 8 focus group meetings and sent the business survey to all advisors.

Chittenden: Regina noted that Chittenden had had 20 individual meetings so far. Housing and childcare emerged as the primary themes.

Rutland: Tyler noted he had done some work with the Center for Rural Innovation. Amanda noted she had also engaged in several meetings. More work ahead.

- C. Focus Groups: Other Focus groups are moving forward slowly. Group need to understand what CEDS can do for them before they spend a lot of time engaging. Many are tired of organizational planning outreach, having just recently completed several from other groups.
- D. Review of Statewide Reports: Taylor reported they had created a good list of current reports. Taylor has created a form to summarize each report so the team can synthesize consistent information for each report into the CEDS. Taylor and Sarah will look to complete their review of other reports by the November meeting.
- E. Employer Survey: Taylor noted we had received 124 responses to date. **Taylor will pull the data and send it to the RDCs to evaluate. RDCs will determine whether or not to advertise the survey further or close it.**
- F. Workshop #2 - The group decided to postpone the workshop planned for November 18th until the spring. The workshop will be one large group with no breakout rooms. We will share the information we have collected to date. Between now and then we will take the time to organize our strategies. We will organize strategies by theme and sector. We will emphasize the Bipoc engagement the group has engaged in to ensure all recognize the validity of the work. Feedback on strategies should be prioritized and lead to prioritized project lists.
- G. \$20,000 Consultant funds - **Taylor will reach out to Xusana Davis, inform her of our actions to date and ask whether she has other recommendations regarding outreach.**

- H. Website - Amanda reported that the website is up and running. She encouraged all to visit it. **She will review the website analytics prior to the next meeting and report on its use for the November meeting. She will also make sure any updates to SOARs anyone sends her are posted.**

- I. **UVM Data - As part of Rutland’s work on the website in the future, we will need to decide on our specific data indicators and the platform we will use. We will also need to figure out the CEDS relationship to UVM and the data they keep and maintain and how that data might feed the CEDS.**

5. Task#5 - Economic Trends and Statewide CEDS Coronavirus Appendix

Ken Jones noted that EDA will give the Governor \$1,000,000 to have the administration help coordinate the state’s efforts to respond to the Coronavirus. Ken wants to ensure that this CEDS effort links directly to that funding. He wants us to focus on infrastructure and believes the priority lists we are developing for this CEDS and generally will help focus the discussion. Ken will provide a list of sectors for the CEDS to focus on next week to enable our CEDS work to coordinate with his work for the administration.

6. November Agenda - Outreach Update and CEDS Outline and Discussion, Workshop 2 planning, update on the Website, RPC/RDC Discussion of Resources to ask ACCD to deploy.

Adjournment: Sam Andersen moved to adjourn, Jamie Stewart seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Lougee

Statewide Organizations		
Organization	Focus Group, One-on-One, Business Survey?	Staff Assigned to Reach Out?
AARP	One-on-One	GBIC - Whitney

Abenaki – VERMONT COMMISSION ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS 4 Bands: The Elnu Abenaki Tribe The Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe- Chief Don Stevens The Koasek Traditional Band of the Koas Abenaki Nation Abenaki Nation at Missisquoi	One-on-One	RRPC - Amanda (Nulhegan)
ACLU Vermont	One-on-One	CCRPC
Building Bright Futures	One-on-One	ACCD - Ken
Catamount Trail Association	One-on-One	ACRPC - Adam
Center for Women and Enterprise – Vermont Women’s Business Center	One-on-One	CEDRR - Tyler
Community College of Vermont	One-on-One	ACEDC - Fred
Conservation Law Foundation	One-on-One	RRPC
Efficiency Vermont (Vermont Energy Investment Corporation)	One-on-One	ACEDC - Fred
EverNorth	One-on-One	CCRPC
Green Mountain Club	One-on-One	CVRPC- Bonnie
Green Mountain Transit	One-on-One	CVRPC- Bonnie
Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Northern Vermont	One-on-One	ACRPC - Adam
Lake Champlain Basin Program	One-on-One	CCRPC
Let’s Grow Kids	One-on-One	GBIC - Sam
Local Motion	One-on-One	CCRPC
Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprises	One-on-One	
Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust	One-on-One	RRPC
Northeast Organic Food Associations (NOFA-VT)	One-on-One	RRPC-Sarah

Peace and Justice Center	One-on-One	CCRPC
Pride Center of Vermont	One-on-One	CCRPC
Rural Vermont	One-on-One	ACRPC - Adam
State of Vermont <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAFM • ACCD • AHS • ANR • DOC • DOL • VDH • VTrans 	One-on-One	ACCD - Ken

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The Nature Conservancy	One-on-One	CVRPC- Bonnie
USCRI Vermont (formerly the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program)	One-on-One	CCRPC – Taylor and Regina
Vermont Arts Council	One-on-One	CVRPC - Bonnie
Vermont Association of Mountain Bikers	One-on-One	GBIC - Whitney
Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST)	One-on-One	RRPC – Sarah
Vermont Brewers Association	One-on-One	ACRPC - Adam
Vermont Business Roundtable	One-on-One	GBIC - Sam and Whitney
Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies	One-on-One	CEDR - Tyler
Vermont Commission on Women	One-on-One	CVRPC - Bonnie
Vermont Council on Rural Development	One-on-One	CVEDC - Jamie

Vermont Economic Development Authority	One-on-One	ACEDC - Fred
Vermont Farm Bureau	One-on-One	ACRPC - Adam
Vermont Food Bank	One-on-One	CVRPC- Bonnie
Vermont Healthcare & Information Technology Education Center (Vermont HITEC)	One-on-One	GBIC - Sam
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	One-on-One	CVRPC - Bonnie
Vermont Housing Finance Agency	One-on-One	CCRPC - Regina
Vermont Interfaith Action	One-on-One	CCRPC - Regina
Vermont Land Trust	One-on-One	CVRPC - Bonnie
Vermont Legal Aid	One-on-One	CCRPC - Taylor
Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center	One-on-One	ACEDC - Fred
Vermont Maple Sugarmakers Associations	One-on-One	RRPC- Sarah
Vermont Natural Resources Council	One-on-One	CVRPC - Bonnie
VOREC	One-on-One	CEDR - Tyler
Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs	One-on-One	RRPC-Amanda
VPIRG	One-on-One	RRPC - CVRPC
Vermont River Conservancy	One-on-One	CVRPC - Bonnie
Vermont Small Business Development Center	One-on-One	ACEDC - Fred
Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund (Vermont Farm to Plate)	One-on-One	RRPC-Amanda
Vermont Student Assistance Corporation	One-on-One	RRPC-Amanda
Vermont Talent Pipeline Management	One-on-One	RRPC-Amanda

Vermont Woodlands Associations	One-on-One	CVRPC - Bonnie
Vermont Wood Manufacturer's Association	One-on-One	ACEDC - Fred
Vermont Youth Conservation Corps	One-on-One	CVRPC - Bonnie

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Association of Africans Living in Vermont	Focus Group	See focus group task
Disability Rights Vermont	Focus Group	See focus group task
Migrant Justice	Focus Group	See focus group task
Racial Justice Alliance	Focus Group	See focus group task
Rights of Democracy/RENEW, Kiah Morris	Focus Group	See focus group task
VABIR	Focus Group	See focus group task
Vermont Center for Independent Living	Focus Group	See focus group task
Vermont Professional of Color Network	Focus Group	See focus group task
Vermont Releaf Collective	Focus Group	See focus group task
Vermont Works for Women	Focus Group	See focus group task

VocRehab Vermont	Focus Group	See focus group task
VT Young Professionals Organizations	Focus Group	See focus group task
Women Business Owners Network	Focus Group	See focus group task

Chittenden County – Sub-regional List			
Organization	Sub-Region	Focus Group or One-on-One?	Staff Assigned to Reach Out?
Burlington & Winooski Equity Coordinators	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Burlington Business Association	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Burlington CEDO	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC - Sam
Burlington City Arts	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Burlington Housing Authority	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Burlington Rotary	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Burlington Sunrise Rotary	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Carshare	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
CATMA	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Champlain Housing Trust	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRP

Chittenden Commercial Real Estate Associations	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC - Sam
Chittenden Solid Waste District	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Church Street Marketplace	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Clemmons Family Farm in Charlotte	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Colchester-Milton Rotary	Chittenden	One-on-One	Sam and Taylor
CVOEO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudanese Foundation of Vermont (SUDFUND Vermont) Inc. • Somali Bantu Community Association of Vermont • Tibetan Association of Vermont • Green Mountain Bhutanese Association • Islamic Society of Vermont • Islamic Community Center of Vermont 	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Downtown Winooski	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Greater Burlington Multicultural Resource Center	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Howard Center	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Intervale Center	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
JUMP – http://jumpvt.org/	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC – Sam
Opportunity Credit Union	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC – Charlie
Pathways Vermont	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC

ReSource	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
SCORE	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
South Burlington Business Associations	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
South Burlington Rotary	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Transition 2	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
United Way/Working Bridges	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
University of Vermont • Office of Engagement	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
UVM Medical Center	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Vermont Technical College	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Williston Rotary	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Winooski Equity Committee	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Winooski Valley Park District	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC

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Burlington & Winooski Equity Coordinators	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC
Local School Districts and Technical Centers	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Municipal Economic Development Committees	Chittenden	One-on-One	GBIC
Municipalities	Chittenden	One-on-One	CCRPC

